

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the present Amendment.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The abstract, drawings, and claims 1, 7, 10 and 14 have been objected to for respective informalities. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,850,517 issued to Verkler *et al.* (hereinafter "Verkler"); claims 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,665,711 to Boyle *et al.* (hereinafter "Boyle"); claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable for obviousness over Boyle in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,650 to Slaughter *et al.* (hereinafter "Slaughter"); and claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable for obviousness over Boyle in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,700,902 to Meyer (hereinafter "Meyer").

By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 10, 11, and 14 have been amended to correct informalities and/or point out more clearly certain features of applicants' invention. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-20 remain pending.

Amendments to the Specification

The Examiner required correction of the abstract of the disclosure to comply with MPEP § 608.01. The replacement abstract of the disclosure is paragraph is offered to meet the Examiner's requirement.

The specification has also been amended to correct references to three renamed drawing figures. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Drawings

The Examiner required drawing corrections for Fig. 7 (CONT-1), Fig. 7 (CONT-2), and Fig. 7 (CONT-3). Responsive to the objection, replacement sheets for Fig. 7 (CONT-1), Fig. 7 (CONT-2), and Fig. 7 (CONT-3) have been provided. The replacement drawings, Fig. 7A, Fig. 7B, and Fig. 7C, replace the original three drawing sheets including Fig. 7 (CONT-1), Fig. 7 (CONT-2), and Fig. 7 (CONT-3). No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 7, 10, and 14 have been amended to correct informalities that the Examiner helpfully identified.


Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the feature of the present invention that permits mimicking of circuit-like connections from simple two-way messaging devices to computer networks in order to facilitate secure and stable browsing sessions. None of the cited prior art, alone or in combination, claims, discloses or teaches such a feature.

Claim 11 has been amended to identify specifically structural cooperative relationships between steps of the claim, relationships that Applicant believes would have been apparent to a person of ordinary skill.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and an early favorable response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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